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« Tuesday's winning caption: "He said he wouldn't show those pictures to anyone!" —Carlos Capistran

Celeb twin

Do you look like a celebrity? Show us! Send your picture along with the name of the celeb who shares your style to dlhernandez@tribune.com. For Wednesday, we have Debbi Burns. Think she's a ringer for Jennifer Aniston? Text "twin" and the number of your opinion to **87708**. You'll get the poll results instantly.



Burns

Aniston

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Associated Press

NEW YORK ... it might look like this—a two-wheeled car.

Hummer took GM to the large-vehicle extreme, but the automaker's latest project takes it to the other extreme.

General Motors and Segway announced Tuesday they are working together to develop a two-seat electric vehicle designed to be a fast, safe and clean alternative to traditional cars and trucks for cities across the world.

The Personal Urban Mobility and Accessibility, or PUMA, project also would involve a vast communications network that would allow vehicles to interact with each other, regulate the flow of traffic and prevent crashes from happening.

"We're excited about doing more with less," said Jim Norrod, chief executive of Bedford, N.H.-based Segway.

The 300-pound prototype runs on a lithium-ion battery and uses Segway's characteristic two-wheel balancing technology, along with dual electric motors. It's designed to reach speeds of up to 35 mph and can run 35 miles on a single charge.

Larry Burns, GM's vice president of research and development, and strategic planning, said the project is part of GM's effort to remake itself as a purveyor of fuel-efficient vehicles.

WHEN'S IT COMING?

There's currently no timeline for production of the PUMA, said Larry Burns, GM's vice president of research and development. But the ambitious announcement comes at a pivotal time for the company. "The next two months, and really 2009, is all about the reinvention of General Motors," he said.



General Motors plans to link its PUMA project to a communications network that would enable the vehicles to avoid obstacles, eliminating a need for traditional safety devices. GETTY IMAGES

Ideally, the vehicles also would be part of a communications network that through the use of transponder and GPS technology would allow them to drive themselves. The vehicles would automatically avoid obstacles such as pedestrians and other cars and therefore never crash, Burns said.

As a result, the PUMA vehicles would not

need air bags or other traditional safety devices and include safety belts for "comfort purposes" only, he said. Though the technology and its goals may seem like something out of science fiction, Burns said nothing new needs to be invented for it to become a reality.

"At this point, it's merely a business decision," he said.

Vermont OKs gay marriage

The Washington Post

Vermont on Tuesday became the fourth state to recognize gay marriage, and the District of Columbia Council voted to recognize same-sex unions performed in other states.

The two actions give same-sex marriage proponents new momentum, following a similar victory last week in Iowa's Supreme Court.

"I think we're going to look back at this week as a moment when our entire country turned a corner," said Jennifer Pizer, the national marriage project director for the advocacy group Lambda Legal. "Each time there's an important step forward, it makes it easier for others to follow."

The issue also is advancing in New Hampshire, where it has passed the state House and is awaiting action by the Senate, as well as in Maine and New Jersey, which are debating same-sex marriage legislation.

The action Tuesday in Vermont came swiftly, surprising even some of the proponents of gay marriage who still were celebrating their victory last Friday, when the Iowa Supreme Court ruled that same-sex marriages could go ahead.

The two houses of Vermont's legislature voted last week for a same-sex marriage bill—four votes short of a veto-overriding majority—and Republican Gov. Jim Douglas vetoed it Monday.

But Tuesday, several House members who voted against it last week switched sides to support the override, making gay marriage law.

Vermont has no mechanism for a citizen referendum—like California's Proposition 8—to override the law.

The Vermont vote Tuesday was particularly symbolic for activists because this is the state that nine years ago became the first to legalize civil unions between same-sex couples.

iPod shuffle

The era of one-price-fits-all songs on iTunes came to an end Tuesday as Apple began selling some of its most-downloaded songs for \$1.29 apiece. Apple said in January that it would end its practice of selling all individual songs for 99 cents each and begin offering three tiers: 69 cents, 99 cents and \$1.29.

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Cuckoo for caffeine or just cuckoo?

By now, it is completely trite to write a column about how much one loves caffeine. Everybody knows we all need caffeine—it's the unseen engine of whatever remains of our economy.

There's even a whole cottage industry around The Evil, Evil Dangers of Caffeine!

Take caffeineawareness.org, where a lovely woman (who is presumably a doctor because she is wearing a stethoscope) greets you beside banner ads that say "No. 1 Cause of Stained Teeth!"

Naturally, I immediately leapt up to phone my congressman.

To be fair to these people (who may or may not have way too much time on their hands), caffeine can actually kill you. There is a great Web site called energyfiend.com where you can choose any caffeinated beverage and find out how much of this beverage it would take to kill you based on your weight.

So if you're a coffee guy like me who weighs 170 pounds, stop before you finish that 108th cup. If you like your Diet Coke, as I notice many women do, don't you dare take a sip after can number 197 (assuming you weigh about 130 pounds—which I don't assume! No, not at all!).

For the record, 58 "sachets" of ZizZazz Energy Drink would kill me, which is most worrisome, because I have no idea what that means.

What I didn't find on the list was my longtime favorite, the alcoholic energy drink Sparks. San Francisco and 13 state governments threatened to pursue legal action against distributor MillerCoors, claiming the drink made people crazy. It turns out this is actually a great loss for the environment, though, because I liked to drink two and then rant to people about the dangers of climate change.

Even if you don't drink enough to kill you, though, caffeine addiction has a host of very unpleasant side effects: It can cause gastrointestinal disturbances, irritability, restlessness, insomnia and muscle twitches (then again, four of those symptoms are basically the reasons my parents conceived me).

Ultimately, I'm not at all concerned about caffeine. If we all suddenly stopped ingesting things that were bad for us, all we'd have left to eat is raw wheat and water from an aquifer in the Yukon.

Besides, I have caffeine to thank for so many things, from all the work I get done at 9:45 a.m. following the moment I first allow its sweet, sweet nectar to grace my fluttering lips, to the bounce it gives me while yelling at my congressman about the stains on my teeth, to the fact that it will kill anyone stupid enough to drink 58 sachets of ZizZazz Energy Drink.

Sorry, I would keep fawning over caffeine, but I've had so much coffee today, I'm having double vision—and all four of my hands are twitching. **STEPHEN MARKLEY IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.**



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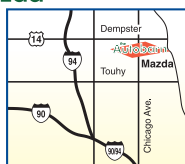
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With 138 red-light cameras in Chicago, reviewers are watching you at (almost) every turn

Chicago Tribune

How exactly does red-light photo enforcement work?

The Tribune recently visited the offices of RedSpeed and Redflex Traffic Systems for an exclusive first look at how these companies capture, review and report possible violations. From the technology at the intersections to the contracts with the cities, many Illinois drivers remain unaware of how this increasingly ubiquitous law-enforcement device is changing driving in the state.

Once through the lobby of RedSpeed's Lombard office, visitors come upon a half-dozen or so violation reviewers, who are tasked with watching every single 12-second video clip and still image that comes to RedSpeed showing a possible violation.

Since drivers regularly trigger the

cameras without a violation occurring—often by stopping just past the stop line or by stopping abruptly after speeding—it's up the reviewers to determine if they think there's a violation.

If they think not, the file gets purged; but if they do believe a citation should be issued, the reviewers send the information along to a senior reviewer who examines the file again. If that person agrees, the file gets forwarded to the respective law enforcement agency, which decides to issue a citation or not. (RedSpeed likes to say that it only “recommends” citations.)

At Redflex Traffic Systems, the company's involvement ends at this point. But RedSpeed actually processes and mails tickets after the law enforcement agency signs off on them.

Here are a dozen facts about red-light cameras you might not know:

1. Illinois photo-enforcement cameras monitor four types of violations:

- » Driving through a red light.
- » Left on red.
- » Right on red without a complete stop. (Rolling stops are illegal in the state.)
- » Right on red at intersections where such turns are prohibited.

2. With cameras at 138 intersections, Chicago has more photo-enforcement locations than any other U.S. city.

3. RedSpeed's and Redflex's systems use magnetic sensors installed at various points leading up to the stop line to determine whether the camera should begin taking pictures and video. (Video clips are about 12 seconds.) There are no sensors past the stop line, meaning if you're in the middle of the intersection—waiting to turn left—and the light turns red, the camera should not record the incident. The average intersection has two cameras, although the number ranges from one to four.

4. Though RedSpeed and Redflex operate similar equipment, they generate revenue quite differently.

- » **Redflex** charges cities a flat fee for installing and maintaining each unit. For Chicago, the fee is \$24,500 per unit.
- » **Redspeed**, however, charges cities a monthly fee of \$1,499 per camera as well as a percentage of each ticket a city issues. For a \$100 ticket—the photo-enforced, red-ticket rate throughout Illinois—that fee ranges from \$11.98 to \$35.94, depending on the level of customer support the company provides. In most communities, Redspeed gets more if you call to discuss or contest your ticket.

Chicago red-light camera locations

According to officials at Redflex Traffic Systems, the two highest-ticket-producing intersections in Chicago last month were North Sheridan Road and West Hollywood Avenue, and South Stony Island Avenue and East 83rd Street.

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Violation reviewers study the videos captured by red-light violation cameras to verify that a violation happened before a notification is sent out. **CHUCK BERMAN/TRIBUNE**

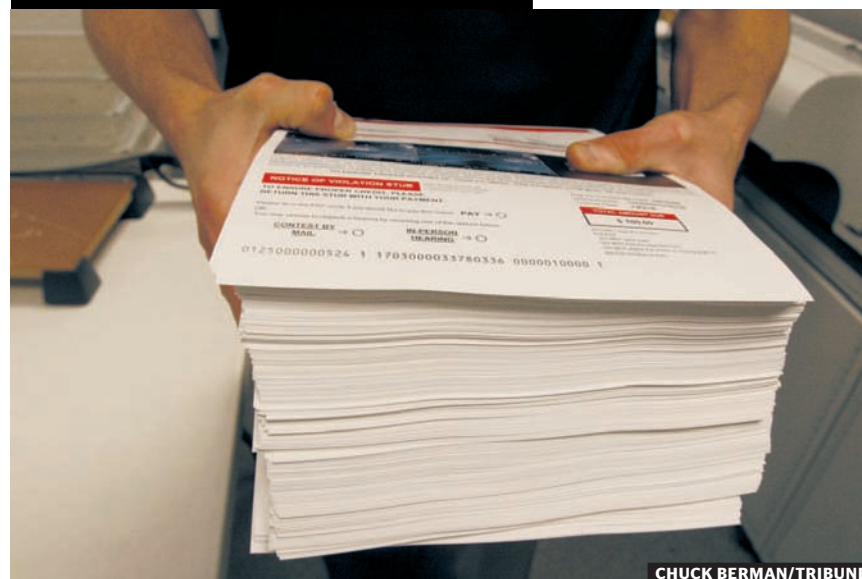
5. With the Illinois Senate considering a bill that would allow photo-enforcement for speeding violations, RedSpeed has begun monitoring speed at some intersections in case the bill becomes law. Redflex declined to comment whether they're collecting such information for their city clients. A Chicago spokeswoman said last week that no such monitoring has occurred in the city.

6. In states like California and Oregon, a vehicle's driver is responsible for red-light camera violations. In Illinois, the vehicle's registered owner gets the ticket, no matter who's driving. Such citations should not affect your driving record.

7. Saturday is usually the busiest day for the cameras, both in the city and the suburbs. (In an average weekend, RedSpeed said it collects 30,000 potential violations.) Officials attribute this to an increase in out-of-town and distracted weekend drivers.

8. Illinois law prohibits red-light cameras from capturing images of a driver's face, which is why all cameras in the state capture only images of a vehicle's rear. Because of this, Redflex never forwards potential red-light tickets for tractor-trailers, because the license plate on the trailer is rarely registered to the truck's operator. RedSpeed does, however, forward such infractions to their client cities.

BY THE NUMBERS



CHUCK BERMAN/TRIBUNE

579,560 Red-light tickets issued in 2008, according to the city's Revenue Department.

\$100 Fine for a red-light ticket.

\$44.8 million Fines collected in 2008, the Tribune reported.

10% The percentage of intersections in Chicago at which the city hopes to have cameras installed by 2012, Jennifer Martinez, spokeswoman for the Office of Emergency Management and Communications, told RedEye in February. (Chicago has about 2,900 intersections.)



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2003 Year the city began its red-light enforcement program.

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Cost of a red-light camera, per the city's contract with Redflex Traffic Systems.

1,194 Number of red-light citations issued to CTA buses in 2008, the Tribune reported—up from 641 in 2007.

ONE Report of a red-light camera being deactivated this year, at Meacham and Woodfield Roads near Woodfield Mall in Schaumburg. The village decided to deactivate the camera amid threats that motorists wouldn't shop at the mall.

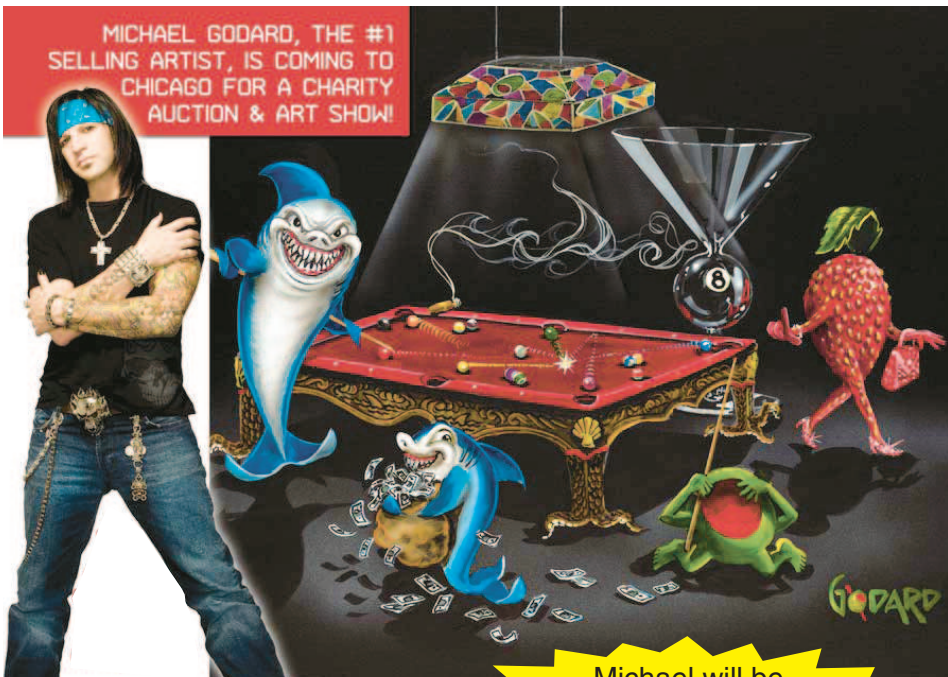
9. An Illinois red-light ticket does not affect your driving record or insurance rates, although, like a parking ticket, cities can move to suspend your license if you don't pay.

10. According to RedSpeed employees, most intersections see about a 40 percent decline in red-light violations within three months of a camera's activation at that location. When this happens—and revenue decreases—cities often relocate the cameras.

11. In Chicago, Redflex has two business days to provide the city with video-camera evidence of a potential infraction.

12. Redflex processes potential Chicago violations at their South Loop offices. For their other 30 Illinois communities, such work is done at the company's U.S. headquarters in Phoenix. RedSpeed handles all its work from its Lombard offices.

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2016 Games bid strong, IOC says

Chicago Tribune

In their only public comments about Chicago's Olympic bid, members of the international evaluation commission were upbeat and spoke glowingly of the city's plans to host the 2016 Summer Games.

However, all the bids are expected to be strong bids, said Nawal El Moutawakel, chairwoman of the IOC's evaluation commission, a 13-member group who concluded their visit to Chicago Tuesday.

The commission leaves with "a very strong impression that the bid is a strong bid," said Moutawakel, a former Olympian athlete from Morocco. "But in the end, there is only one winner."

The team now heads to Tokyo, and then the other two finalists, Madrid and Rio de Janeiro, before the IOC picks a winner on Oct. 2 in Copenhagen.

Both Moutawakel and Felli noted they were impressed by the support of "business heavyweights" from Chicago's corporate community, with whom the commission met Monday.

Corporate sponsorships make up a significant piece of the Olympic revenue pie. Chicago officials continue to hope their bid will be aided by the fact that revenue from Games held in the U.S. exceeds that of other nations.

Commenting on the kind words from the commission, Chicago 2016 Chairman Patrick Ryan said the bid team has always felt the natural setting of the city gave Chicago an advantage. But, he added, the team has "no delusions" about the tough competition.

Ryan also joked the commission "didn't like the weather Sunday afternoon," when cold, wind and rain burdened the venue tour.

When asked whether visible public support was lacking, Mayor Daley said that when he arrived at the White Sox home opener Tuesday, he was bombarded with questions and comments from Sox fans asking, "Did we win?" the bid.



CTA bus along Madison Street
E. JASON WAMBSGANS/TRIBUNE FILE

Transit sigh of relief

Funding boost, belt-tightening mean fare hikes, service cuts unlikely

Chicago Tribune

CTA fare increases or service cuts are highly unlikely this year thanks to infusions of federal and state funding as well as internal belt-tightening, transit officials said Tuesday.

The CTA still must find \$53.7 million to balance its 2009 budget, officials said.

But the gap is much smaller than the projected \$242 million shortfall in public funding that the CTA recently faced for 2008 and this year, officials said.

"We are making progress," said CTA chairman Carole Brown, who only a month ago warned that a looming budget crisis could lead to cuts in service.

Since then, the Regional Transportation Authority agreed to cover a \$56.1 million public-funding shortage for 2008.

In addition, the CTA is receiving \$241 million in federal economic stimulus funds that can be used for projects resulting in

MORE GOOD NEWS

Meanwhile, the CTA's rail operations have been recognized as the "Most Improved Metro" by an international panel of transit agency representatives, transit industry reporters and contractors. The CTA received the honor at a conference in London on March 31 organized by Terrapinn, an international business media company.

savings through more efficient operations. Fare hikes implemented in January are projected to bring in an additional \$39 million. The transit agency also cut 396 jobs this year, resulting in \$4.9 million in savings.

All the measures combined have trimmed this year's budget hole from \$155 million to \$53.7 million, said Paul Fish, CTA vice president of budget and capital finance.

CTA President Richard Rodriguez said he

was "extremely optimistic" that fare hikes or service cuts are not on the horizon.

Rodriguez is expected to present a proposal next month to close the remaining budget gap. CTA officials are looking to the RTA for additional help.

Transit officials also said an urgent need still exists for a comprehensive state capital program to fund infrastructure improvements. Lawmakers last week approved capital funding totaling about \$900 million for Chicago-area transit, including \$495.9 million for the CTA.

The money for the CTA will be used to buy more hybrid buses, overhaul aging buses in the fleet, rehabilitate rail stations and replace track on the Dan Ryan branch of the Red Line.

But Rodriguez said the CTA still faces almost \$6.8 billion in unfunded capital projects needed to bring the system to a state of good repair.

Cops: Slain child beaten with spoons

A 26-year-old Orland Park woman was ordered held without bail Tuesday by a Cook County judge on first-degree murder charges in the weekend death of her 2-year-old niece, Bhia Hadid. Nour Hadid, 26, a Jordanian national, was taken into custody Sunday night. At Nour Hadid's bond hearing Tuesday, police testified that the child was beaten repeatedly with wooden spoons before she was pinched and beaten by her aunt.

New police SUVs raise concerns

New SUVs arriving in police districts have officers concerned after discovering gaps in the cage between the back and front seats. The gaps have been covered with a heavy-duty plastic and secured with Velcro, police sources said. But some officers are concerned a detainee could still break through. Chicago police spokesman Roderick Drew contends that the SUVs are not flawed. The Chevrolet Tahoes are a pet project of Supt. Jody Weis.

Quigley claims Emanuel's seat

Cook County Commissioner Mike Quigley claimed the high-profile Illinois congressional seat that Rahm Emanuel gave up to be President Obama's chief of staff. The Democrat trounced Republican nominee Rosanna Pulido for the 5th Congressional District seat that Emanuel first won in 2002. The district includes Wrigley Field and stretches from the North Side lakefront to the Northwest Side and neighboring suburbs.

Quake toll rises

1 Relatives of the missing waited in agony Tuesday as rescuers dug desperately for earthquake survivors, jarred by a strong aftershock in L'Aquila. The death toll from Italy's worst earthquake in three decades jumped to 235.

Shoe sentence shortened

2 Iraq's highest court on Tuesday reduced the prison sentence for an Iraqi journalist who hurled his shoes at former President Bush from three years to one, a court spokesman in Baghdad said.

Another space race?

3 The Russian space agency on Tuesday ordered design work to start for a next-generation spaceship capable of flying missions to the moon, setting the ground for a potential new space race between Moscow and the U.S.

Suicide attempt

4 A flight student suspected of stealing a plane in Canada and flying erratically across three states was trying to commit suicide, hoping to get shot down by military fighter planes, a state trooper in Ellsinore, Mo., said Tuesday.

Bad banker

5 A Chinese businessman has been indicted on charges of illegally using New York City banks to help Iran's military agencies buy materials to make nuclear weapons, Manhattan's chief prosecutor said Tuesday.

O-O-P-S

6 One edition of the Brigham Young University student newspaper in Provo, Utah, has been pulled from newsstands because of a typo in a caption that referred to Mormon leaders as apostates instead of apostles. An apostate is someone who has abandoned religious faith.

THE DIGIT \$800,000

7 A mother of six from Columbus, Ohio, was on the run Tuesday after prosecutors say she and her husband, both unemployed, conned family and friends out of \$800,000 by claiming he suffered from cancer.



OBAMA GOES TO BAGHDAD

WARM WELCOME

Inside a marble palace, President Obama was interrupted repeatedly with cheers from the troops.

"I love you," someone in the crowd shouted out. "I love you back," the commander in chief replied. Scores of troops held digital cameras above their heads, snapping pictures and recording video of a day they would long remember. **GETTY IMAGES**

8 BAGHDAD Cheered wildly by U.S. troops, President Obama flew unannounced into Iraq on Tuesday and promptly declared it was time for Iraqis to "take responsibility for their country" after America's commitment of six years and thousands of lives.

"You have given Iraq the opportunity to stand on its own as a democratic country," the president said as he made a brief inspection of a war he opposed as candidate and

now vows to end as commander in chief. "That is an extraordinary achievement."

A total of 4,265 U.S. troops have lost their lives in Iraq since March 2003, and Obama said American forces had "performed brilliantly ... under enormous strain."

"It is time for us to transition to the Iraqis," he said as an estimated 600 troops cheered. "They need to take responsibility for their country."

Obama also met with Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, who said afterward that he had "assured the president that all the progress that has been made in the security area will continue."

Obama flew into Iraq shrouded by secrecy and was shielded by heavy security from the moment he arrived.

Oh, grape! Wine drinking down

9 PARIS Shun that bottle and save your euros: That's what French and Italians are saying as the recession cuts into wine consumption in traditional lands of the vine.

An industry group says the crisis hasn't choked off everyone's thirst. New World drinkers still are sipping steadily and Brazilians "are really starting to believe in the vine."

After years of non-stop growth, global wine consumption started to retreat last year, along with the rest of the world economy, The International Organization of Vine and Wine said Tuesday.

The overall drop isn't too dramatic: The group says its initial estimates for 2008 show consumption down 0.8 percent from the year before, at 6.4 billion gallons.



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Footing the bill



Prep your toes for spring with these pedicure deals

By Janine Schaults

Though this week's snow showers may suggest otherwise, sooner or later, sandal weather is going to set in—and your toes better be ready. These pedicure hot spots will clean up your feet just in time for outdoor dining season, all for \$35 or less.



WEST LOOP Spa Space

161 N. Canal St. 312-466-9585
The deal: Mini-Pedicure, \$25
The perks: Short enough to fit in on your lunch hour, this 30-minute treatment includes nail filing and shaping, a short massage and polish—good for maintenance if your feet are already in decent shape.
The catch: This pedi lacks heavy duty scrubbing of the spa's full-length version (\$45-\$80), which you may need to spring for if your feet haven't seen a loofah since September.

SOUTH LOOP Salon Vision

1255 S. State St., Suite D, 312-789-8030
The deal: Basic Pedicure, \$33
The perks: Chick flicks are in constant rotation on the TVs here, so you can zone out while your technician takes care of the fancy footwork.
The catch: Take the train to this trendy enclave, as street parking is scant. What's the point of saving on the pedi just to blow it all at the parking garage?

GOLD COAST Spa Emilia

21 W. Elm St. 312-951-7415
The deal: La Petite Pedicure, \$30
The perks: Revel in a peaceful atmosphere complete with lighted candles, fresh flowers and soothing music. Walk-ins welcome; appointments recommended on weekends.
The catch: iPhone addicts beware. No cell phones are allowed in the spa.

RIVER NORTH Allyu Spa

600 W. Chicago Ave. 312-755-1313
The deal: Express Pedicure, \$35
The perks: Eco-friendly fans, rejoice! This pedicure uses vegan, dibutyl phthalate-free polish. Take advantage of the spa's meditation tent before or after your session and relax with complimentary herbal teas and lemon-flavored water.
The catch: This pedi lacks the brown sugar-honey scrub and the Dead Sea mud mask of the more expensive Spa version (\$50). Also, plan to take the bus—street parking is a challenge.

BUCKTOWN Lee Nails

2603 N. Elston Ave. 773-772-6150
The deal: Basic Spa Pedicure, \$25
The perks: Friendly faces, oodles of polish colors and a \$35 mani-pedi combo available six days a week reel in repeat customers.
The catch: Those looking for a swanky affair may be disappointed by the strip-mall location and lack of trendsetting decor. Also, it's closed Sundays.

LINCOLN PARK Lily Nail Spa

2676 N. Halsted St. 773-348-0552
The deal: Spa Pedicure, \$25
The perks: The clan at Lily's may not remember your name, but they'll recognize your face. And with Trinity Bar right down the block, why not make this pedi the cornerstone of your girls' night out? Also worth mentioning is the \$30 mani-pedi combo, Monday through Wednesday.
The catch: Don't expect to partake in a girly, salon-style gabfest, since the technicians' English is limited.

LAKEVIEW Pinky Nail Studio

3503 N. Southport Ave. 773-248-5080
The deal: Basic Pedicure, \$30; Sea Salt Pedicure, \$35
The perks: Earn points for every service with a frequent customer card and trade 'em in for future discounts. Enjoy succinct, yet sturdy service complete with a bonus neck massage.
The catch: This popular spot brings in crowds, especially after work, so call ahead or plan to wait.

ROSCOE VILLAGE Twinkle Toes

2244 W. Belmont Ave. 773-388-8815
The deal: Basic Pedicure, \$30
The perks: Add a manicure for just \$5 extra Monday through Wednesday. Indulge in a short neck massage while your nails dry.
The catch: They accept walk-ins, but set up an appointment to guarantee speedier service.

ENGLEWOOD Darcell Lo'Ren Foot Spa, Salon and Shoe Boutique

7139 S. Ashland Ave. 773-651-8777
The deal: Spa Pedicure, \$35
The perks: Shoe fiends will love this: a shoe store and a salon in the same building.
The catch: If your retail willpower is lacking, the store-spa combo could prove detrimental to your budget.

ANDERSONVILLE 2X10 Nails & Spa

5414 N. Clark St. 773-293-1010
The deal: Basic Pedicure, \$30
The perks: Comfy chairs and captivating TV make getting a pedi at this spot the next best thing to loafing around the house in pajamas.
The catch: Though language barriers between guests and technicians can grate, especially over the phone, it's best to call ahead for an appointment.

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best bets

By Rebecca Palmore
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'The Best Church Of God'

Chopin Theatre,
1543 W. Division St.

The mock church service satirizing religious conservatism returns for a single engagement. 8 p.m. \$10-\$15. Tickets: 773-489-0930.

Italian wine tasting

Webster's Wine Bar, 1480 W. Webster Ave. 773-868-0608.

Taste 20-25 different wines from three diverse areas: the mountainous northeast, the southern plains and the islands of Sicily and Sardinia. 7:30 p.m. \$40. RSVP recommended.



FREE Big Easy in the Windy City

Drinks Over Dearborn, 650 N. Dearborn St. 312-337-9463.

Conjure the spirit—and the warm weather—of Nawlins with Creole appetizers and samples of Louisiana-brewed Abita beer. 6 p.m.

FREE Staceyann Chin reading

Women & Children First, 5233 N. Clark St. 773-769-9299.

As seen in "Russell Simmons' Def Poetry Jam on Broadway," the queer performance poet reads excerpts from her new memoir, "The Other Side of Paradise." 7:30 p.m.

thu 9 Passover dinner

Joey's Brickhouse, 1258 W. Belmont Ave. 773-296-1300.

A four-course prix-fixe meal for dining in or carryout includes matzo ball soup, gefilte fish, brisket, flourless chocolate cake and more. 5 p.m. \$25.

fri 10 Good Friday celebration

Nacional 27, 325 W. Huron St. 312-664-2727.

Start the holiday weekend with a complimentary ceviche appetizer with dinner from 5-8 p.m. (one per table). RSVP recommended.

Easter brunches

BIG JONES

9 a.m.: \$17 specials available in addition to the regular brunch menu. Selections include artichoke bottoms with poached eggs, ham with raisin sauce and pan-fried shad roe; 5347 N. Clark St. 773-275-5725.

BIN 36

10 a.m.: Buffet brunch features eggs Benedict, made-to-order omelets, blueberry-ricotta pancakes, citrus-glazed ham, roast beef, an array of desserts and more. \$12 bloody mary and mimosa flights are also available. \$38, \$19 for kids under 12, free for kids under 4; 339 N. Dearborn St. 312-755-9463.

THE BRISTOL

10 a.m.: Two-course prix-fixe menu includes a first course of assorted pastries for the table and a choice of entree. Options

include braised pork chilaquiles with salsa roja, fried egg sandwich with pork belly and Mornay sauce, and more. \$21; 2152 N. Damen Ave. 773-862-5555.

DELEECE GRILL PUB

10:30 a.m.: Specials available in addition to the regular menu. Options include pear- and brown sugar-glazed ham with date compote and blue cheese potato strata, rosemary-roasted leg of lamb with new potatoes and grilled asparagus, forest mushroom-heirloom tomato-gruyere frittata, and more. Prices vary; 3313 N. Clark St. 773-348-3313.

DRAKE BROS.'

11 a.m.: Brunch buffet, live jazz music, an egg hunt, movies and a visit from the Easter Bunny. Buffet includes made-to-order omelets,



pepper-crusted ahi tuna with ratatouille and roasted chipotle-rubbed leg of lamb. \$75, \$35 for kids under 12; 140 E. Walton Pl. 312-787-2200.

FEAST RESTAURANT & BAR
7 a.m. (Gold Coast) and 9 a.m. (Bucktown): A la carte specials available in addition to the regular brunch

menu. Prices vary; 25 E. Delaware Pl. 312-337-4001 and 1616 N. Damen Ave. 773-772-7100.

HORIZON CAFE

11 a.m.: Four-course meal includes salad, soup, dessert and an entree choice of leg of lamb, ham or turkey. \$13-\$17; 3805 N. Broadway. 773-883-1565.

JOEY'S BRICKHOUSE

10 a.m.: Specials such as lamb stew, praline pork roast and herb-roasted baby potatoes available in addition to the regular menu. Includes complimentary iced coffee and a kids' activity table. Prices vary; 1258 W. Belmont Ave. 773-296-1300.

NORTH POND

10 a.m.: Three-course meal includes options such as onion soup, quail, arctic char, slow-roasted halibut, crisp pork belly and coconut mousse. A kids' menu is also available. \$70, \$40 for kids under 12; 2610 N. Cannon Drive. 773-477-5845.

THE PALM COURT AT THE DRAKE HOTEL

1 p.m.: Chocolate-themed traditional tea service includes cream puff swans, three-layered chocolate cake and chocolate mint truffle tea. Chocolate martinis also available. \$30, \$16 for kids ages 6-12; 140 E. Walton Pl. 312-787-2200.

PETTERINO'S

11 a.m.: Prix-fixe menu options include lump crab omelets, ham, lamb, prime rib and pie. Includes a mimosa or bellini, a visit from the Easter Bunny and a kids' menu. \$29.95, \$12.95 for kids ages

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12 and under; 150 N. Dearborn St. 312-422-0150.

SEPIA

10 a.m.: Three-course meal features family-style starters and sweets. Options include white cheddar grits, bacon quiche, pan-roasted cod, grilled lamb loin, chickpea crepes, lemon meringue tarts and white-chocolate raspberry cheesecake. \$39, \$20 for kids 12 and under; 123 N. Jefferson St. 312-441-1920.

SHAW'S CRAB HOUSE

10 a.m.: Brunch buffet features omelets, seafood, carved meats, salads, desserts and more. Includes a complimentary mimosa and a \$5 bloody mary and

mimosa bar. \$49.99, \$19.99 for kids, free for kids under age 5; 21 E. Hubbard St. 312-527-2722.

TALLULAH

11 a.m.: Three-course menu includes roasted leg of lamb, braised pork shoulder, mushroom quiche and strawberry shortcake. \$30; 4539 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-942-7585.

WAVE

10:30 a.m.: Two-course brunch features options such as pea soup, ricotta gnocchi, warm goat cheese, French toast with berries, grilled hanger steak, Belgian waffles and fruit tarts, plus a dessert bar. \$10 mimosas also available. \$35; 644 N. Lake Shore Drive. 312-255-4460.

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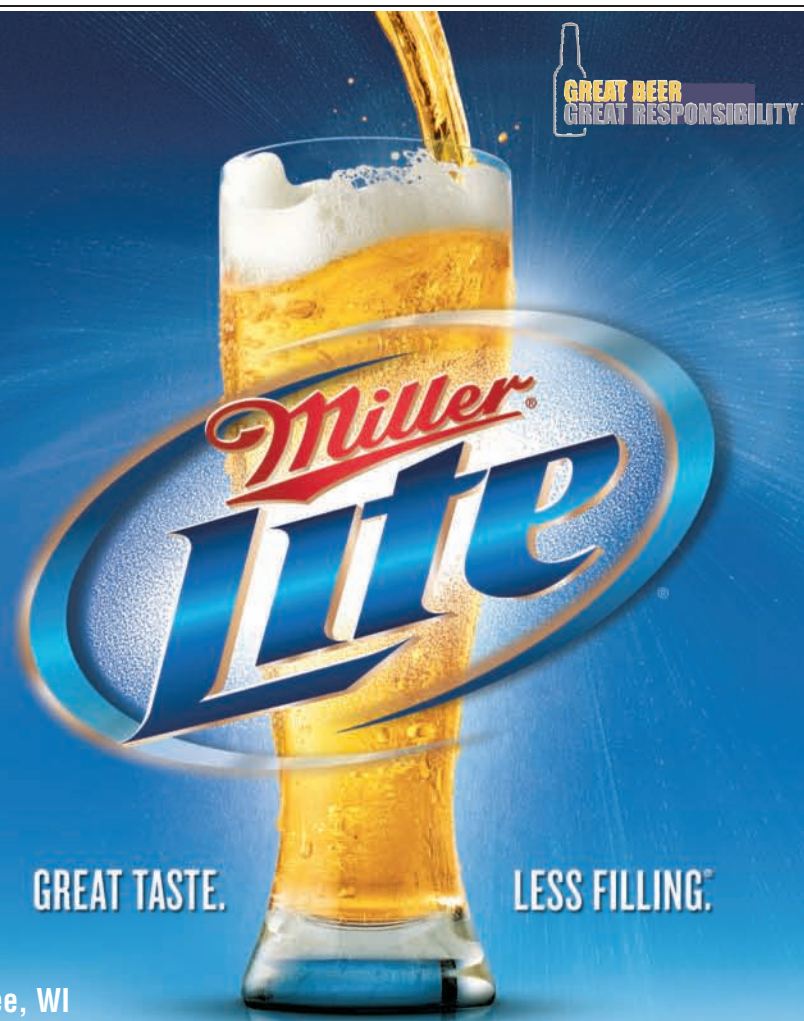
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Wed.: \$5 select Skyy
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2300 N. Lincoln Ave.
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Sat.: \$8 dessert-and-
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Wed.: \$3 off orange
chicken entree; Thu.:
\$3 off kung pao

chicken entree; Fri.: \$3
off crunchy Sichuan
scallops entree; 60 E.
Ohio St. 312-951-1888.

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4:30-7:30 p.m. Wed.: \$9
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DUNLAY'S ON CLARK

Wed.: \$5 burgers; Thu.:
\$6 martinis; 2600 N.
Clark St. 773-883-6000.

ENO

10 p.m. Wed.-Thu.: \$10
for a glass of wine and
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N. Michigan Ave. 312-
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Wed.: Two-for-one
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Sat.: National Cheese
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trio features blue,
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with bread, apples
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5222.

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11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Wed.-Fri.: \$15 three-
course lunch; 5-7 p.m.
Wed.-Fri.: \$25 three-
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Washington St. 312-
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JOEY'S BRICKHOUSE

5 p.m. Wed.-Thu.: Chef
Joey Morelli prepares
a four-course Passover
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crackers, chopped liver,
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1258 W. Belmont Ave.
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Wed.-Thu.: \$32 three-
course dinner; Thu.: \$4
burgers, \$4 craft beer
bottles, DJ spins 6-10
p.m.; Fri.: \$10 battered
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St. 312-850-0303.

PARK 52

Wed.: 15 percent
discount for University
of Chicago, Chicago
city employees and
teachers, live jazz 7-9
p.m.; Thu.: \$7 martinis;
Sun.: No corkage fee,
two-bottle maximum
per table; 5201 S.
Harper Ave. 773-241-
5200.

POMPEII BAKERY

Wed.-Sun.: \$1 beers;
2955 N. Sheffield Ave.
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Wed.: No corkage fee;
410 W. Huron St. 312-
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AVILA

6 p.m.: Latin Quarter. Take free salsa lessons (6:30-7:30 p.m.) and snack on free appetizers on the third floor. Salsa, merengue and bachata music play all night. No cover before 10 p.m., \$10 after; 203 W. Superior St. 312-787-8720.

BULL & BEAR

Half-price appetizers and mini-sandwich trios 3-6 p.m.; 431 N. Wells St. 312-527-5973.

CHAISE LOUNGE

Half-price select bottles of wine; 1840 W. North Ave. 773-342-1840.

CHARLESTON

\$3.75 well drinks; 2076 N. Hoyne Ave. 773-489-4757.

THE COACH HOUSE

8 p.m.: Twisted Trivia. Flip a coin for a half-price drink. Includes free pizza (after 8 p.m.). No cover; 950 W. Wolfram St. 773-665-5660.

EVIL OLIVE

Movement Wednesdays. \$2 High Life cans, \$5 Stoli cocktails, DJs spin 10 p.m. \$5; 1551 W. Division St. 773-235-9100.

THE FIFTY/50

7:30 p.m.: "Lost" viewing party at The Fifty/50. Die-hard fans of ABC's dramatic series can watch the show with like-minded locals. Includes trivia games and prizes during commercial breaks. No cover; 2047 W. Division St. 773-489-5050.

THE FLAT IRON

\$5 for a house shot and a select beer, \$5 well cocktails; 1565 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-365-9000.

GOODBAR

\$3 drafts, \$5 Stoli cocktails, two-for-one shots and appetizers, DJ Tim Fusion spins; 2512 N. Halsted St. 773-296-9700.

HALSTED'S

Half-price appetizers (5-7 p.m.), \$2 domestic drafts; 3441 N. Halsted St. 773-348-9696.

J BAR

Wii Wednesdays. \$2 mini-burgers, \$3 beer bottles, \$5 Effen cocktails, complimentary appetizers (6-8 p.m.). Play Wii on an 84-inch screen from 6-8 p.m.; 610 N. Rush St. 312-660-7200.

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NIGHTCRAWLERS**Join the club**

After going on hiatus for the past few months, monthly dance party **Windy City Soul Club** turned up the volume at The Viaduct Theater (3111 N. Western Ave. 773-296-6024) this past weekend. DJs spinning '60s soul kept the crowd on their feet. Log on to metromix.com for more Windy City Soul Club pics.



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Random Acts of Greatness

things we're loving this week

1 The offbeat, oh-so-decadent desserts

at West Loop newcomer The Grocery Bistro (804 W.

Washington St. 312-850-9291), particularly the chocolate-chip cookie dough risotto (\$7). We can't wait to go back to try the banana and bacon tiramisu.

2 The funny, bittersweet nostalgia of new movie "Adventureland." Even if you didn't come of age in the '80s, it's impossible not to be taken back to your earlier, more confused days. That is, assuming they're over.

3 Complimentary beignets, a sweet start to every brunch at Andersonville coastal Southern spot Big Jones (5347 N. Clark St. 773-275-5725).

4 Pulled pork nachos (\$10) at Small Bar (2049 W. Division St. 773-772-2727), because chicken is boring and beef is so last century.



The Grocery Bistro
JASON LITTLE FOR METROMIX

5 We're so accustomed to Bolognese as an Italian classic, we weren't sure what to think of the **Asian-influenced version** (\$12) at Urban Belly (3053 N. California Ave.). The results? Delicious. Get it while you can: The restaurant plans to swap it out for a new special in about a week.

Join the randomness!

What are you loving this week? Log onto metromix.com to send us your own Random Acts of Greatness.

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MORSELAND

\$3 Bell's Amber pints, DJs 10 p.m.; 1218 W. Morse Ave. 773-764-8900.

THE MOTEL BAR

\$4 Amstel Light bottles, \$5 Absolut cocktails, \$6 half-pound burgers with fries; 600 W. Chicago Ave. 312-822-2900.

PEOPLE LOUNGE

\$3 glasses of sangria and Miller Light bottles, \$3 tapas (5:30-7 p.m.), \$5 Sobieski and Svedka cocktails. No cover; 1560 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-227-9339.

PLAN B

\$1 Bud Light drafts, \$2 well drinks, half-price appetizers; 1635 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-252-2680.

RED KIVA

7 p.m.: Chick Flicks. Watch "Pretty Woman" while snacking on free popcorn. Includes half-price bottles of wine and the chance to win a half-price beauty treatment at Kaya Day Spa (112 N. May St.).

Guys are welcome, too. No cover; 1108 W. Randolph St. 312-226-5577.

RELAX LOUNGE

\$6 Maker's Mark and Ketel One cocktails; 1450 W. Chicago Ave. 312-666-6006.

ROSCOE'S TAVERN

\$2.50 Bud, Bud Light and Bud Light Lime bottles, \$6 frozen cocktails, \$6 grape bombs, \$12 Skyy sex on the beach pitchers; 3356 N. Halsted St. 773-281-3355.

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10 p.m.: Northern Soul. DJs spin funk, soul and reggae at this monthly dance party. No cover; 960 W. 18th St. 312-666-8601.

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\$5 Goose Island bottles with Jager shots; 1444 W. Chicago Ave. 312-226-7600.

SULLY'S HOUSE TAP ROOM AND GRILL

Wii Wednesdays. Half-price cheese or single-topping pizzas, \$12 domestic buckets; 1501 N. Dayton St. 312-929-2779.

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\$7 martinis, \$7 double order of wings; 9 W. Hubbard St. 312-644-0004.

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\$1 Miller Lite bottles, two-for-one appetizers, \$3 Bacardi cocktails, \$3 Sam Adams drafts; 3554 N. Clark St. 773-327-8572.

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\$5 glasses of wine; 1326 W. Madison St. 312-981-7100.

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\$2.50 domestic bottles, \$5 bombs, half-price appetizers (4-7 p.m.), trivia 8 p.m.; 2913 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-528-7032.

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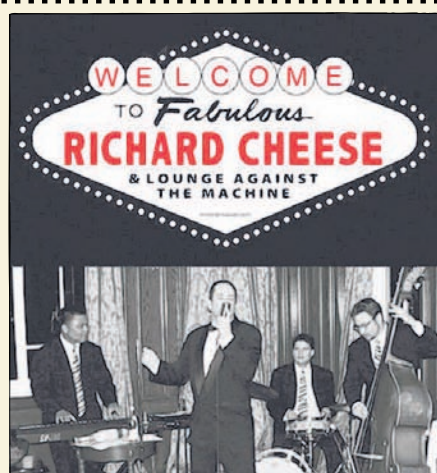
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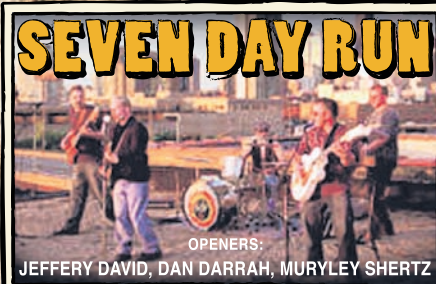
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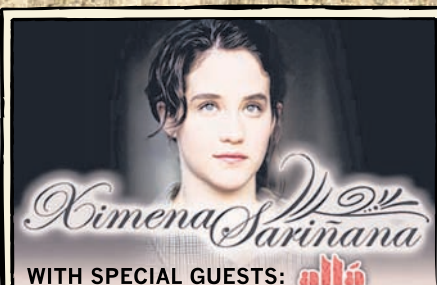
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5-2 **Dare2Dream benefiting**
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5-7 & 5-8 **Queensryche** **LOOP 97.9**
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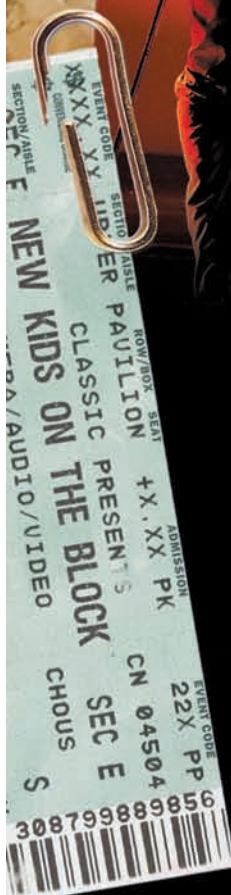
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TOP 5 PICKS FOR
THIS WEEK'S SHOWS

Andrew Bird

1 Chicago singer/multi-instrumentalist continues to climb slowly toward stardom. 8 p.m. Thu.-Fri. Sold out. Civic Opera House, 20 N. Wacker Drive. 312-332-2244.

Lily Allen

2 We're not surprised at the catchiness of her latest, "It's Not Me, It's You." What's surprising is the depth. Natalie Portman's *Shaved Head* opens. 7:30 p.m. Sun. \$27.50. Riviera Theatre, 4746 N. Racine Ave. 312-559-1212.

Late of the Pier

3 Great young dance rockers from Britain playing from one of this year's most exciting albums, "Fantasy Black Channel." With Deadmau5, Crookers, The Whip, more. 8 p.m. Sat. \$21. Congress Theater, 2135 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-276-1235.

Sebastien Tellier

4 French pop to melt the stress away. Or inspire some slow-motion dancing. With Lemonade, Zebo. 9:30 p.m. Thu. \$12. Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave. 773-276-3600.



3OH!3's Nathaniel Motte (left) and Sean Foreman

Straight outta Boulder

Hip-hop from Colorado? It's no joke for 3OH!3

By Adam McKibbin

For most people, Boulder, Colo., conjures visions of snow bunnies and jam bands. Nathaniel Motte and Sean Foreman are determined to stick their city on the map for a different reason.

The party-rap duo known as 3OH!3 is on the rise with a grimy, grungy debut album ("Want") that pulls heavily from crunk and electro. For the past two years, they've been inciting sweaty young Coloradoans to throw faux gang signs and sing along to lines like, "Shush, girl, shut your lips/Do the Helen Keller and talk with your hips." After successful stints on last year's Warped Tour and their own headlining trek, they're now taking their rousing gospel from coast to coast with fellow party-starters the Maine and Family Force 5.

We sat down with Motte to discuss partying, parodying and fans who want to bear 3OH!3's children.

5 3OH!3

When: 5:30 p.m. Saturday
Where: House of Blues, 329 N. Dearborn St.
Tickets: Sold out

With 3OH!3 on the rise, have you pampered yourself with a luxury item? Your diamonds-and-gold band logo would look great as a giant necklace.

We're not that rich yet. We need to get some more scrill before we do that. Sean has a dreamcatcher hanging off his neck. It's a pretty standard issue dreamcatcher that runs about 10 bucks at a truck stop. I got the same thing on a key chain. I think they're pretty fancy.

If you guys are out at a club or at someone else's concert, are you two still the party starters? Or is that strictly stage persona?

We're not going apes*** every second of our lives. [Laughs] I mean, it is a persona and it is something that we adopt and can quickly get into when we have shows. I think in life we're just a couple of dudes who like to have fun. We're not wasted and throwing up all the time with tons of babes all over. Not by any means. It's mostly dudes hanging around.

Still, are you leaving a trail of destroyed speakers and amps behind you?

[Laughs] We are, definitely. We try to have it loud and in your face. »

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NOW HEAR THIS



Telekinesis

**"Telekinesis!"**

Artist name: Telekinesis
Record label: Merge

The buzz: Telekinesis is just one guy, Michael Benjamin Lerner, who not only sings all the tunes on "Telekinesis!" but also plays almost all the instruments. (No word on if he has telekinetic powers.) Thankfully, Lerner tours with a full band, the better to deliver his quick and catchy retro pop songs.

The verdict: Unpretentious and sincere, "Telekinesis!" is the sort of fun, straightforward pop record that's easy to get excited about. Its 11 tracks clock in at only 31 minutes and lack some variety from song to song (with the exception of "Calling All Doctors," a minimal tune that recalls Lerner's labelmates Spoon).

But this is a heartfelt album of people and places, hooks and choruses. "Coast of Carolina" soars like any great summer song should, while the even bigger, better "Tokyo" deserves to rocket out of a stadium. Head-bobbing keyboard ditty "Awkward Kisser" sounds like a song someone forgot to put in a '60s jukebox, and "Foreign Room" showcases Lerner's guitar skills while driving like the nicest rock anthem Dave Grohl never wrote. Only someone with a black heart will be able to resist "Look to the East," as Lerner sings, "All I know is what I don't know/I don't want to let you go."

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DID YOU KNOW?

Chris Walla of Death Cab for Cutie produced this record. Considering the similarities between Lerner and Death Cab's Ben Gibbard, anyone else not surprised?

—MATT PAIS

» I was DJing and blew some s*** out the other day. Our beats are lo-fi on purpose because we kind of suck at mastering. But that's also what we go for, that abrasive sound.

There's a tongue-in-cheek, over-the-top quality to much of "Want." Most of your fans who throw up gang signs are presumably not in gangs. Does that make it all a parody on some level?

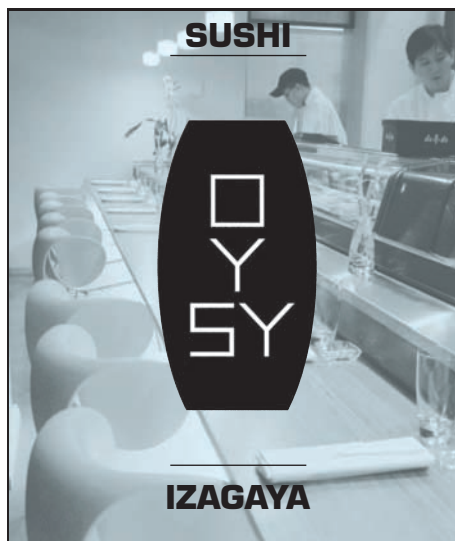
There's an important distinction that we draw: Rather than making fun of music, we're having fun with music. Coming out of the scene we came out of, we felt sometimes that it was taboo to have fun. Music had to be so heavy. We want to have fun with the s*** we do, whether that's rap or that's electro. We're dead serious about the music we make.

You and Sean met in physics class. Rockers aren't always good students. Were you?
Yeah, I actually graduated summa cum laude—like 3.95, I think. Sean did an English major and math minor and I think he graduated with a 3.93 or something like that. So, yeah, we were both really good students.

You get some pretty interesting offers from your female fans online. I saw an invitation to a dry humping session and offers to bear children. I'm gonna take those up. I think that's a good decision for me at this point in my life.

Print 'em out, shuffle 'em and pick a winner.
No, no, there's plenty of 3OH!3 to go around. I think we'll be able to satisfy all of those offers.

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KEVIN RUDOLF

Read our interview with the singer-guitarist at **metromix.com**. With The Audition, Hyper Crush, Cash Cash, Go Crash, Jeremy Greene. 5:30 p.m. \$18-\$20. House of Blues, 329 N. Dearborn St. 312-923-2000.

FREEZEPOP

Glossy, synth-heavy group that sounds exactly like a band called FreezePop should. With Glasko, Boho Paisley. 8:30 p.m. \$10-\$12. Subterranean, 2011 W. North Ave. **housecallent.com**

THE DEREK TRUCKS BAND

Jamming that doesn't noodle its way off into nowhere. With Van Ghost. 7:30 p.m. \$25. Park West, 322 W. Armitage Ave. 312-559-1212.

Wednesday concerts

4 WOMEN ONLY

9 p.m. \$10 suggested donation. Uncommon Ground on Devon, 1401 W. Devon Ave. 773-465-9801.

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9 p.m. \$25. Schubas, 3159 N. Southport Ave. 773-525-2508.

ALFONSO PONTICELLI AND SWING GITAN

9 p.m. \$25-\$30. Green Mill, 4802 N. Broadway. 773-878-5552.

ALISON RUBLE

9 p.m. \$10 suggested donation. Uncommon Ground on Devon, 1401 W. Devon Ave. 773-465-9801.

ANN SCOTT, MIKE REEB

8 p.m. Tips/donations. Uncommon Ground on Clark, 3800 N. Clark St. 773-929-3680.

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On sale 10 a.m. Friday

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New Kids on the Block, Jabbawockeez, Friday, June 26 (\$10-\$85, all ages) at First Midwest Bank Amphitheatre.

Richard Cheese and Lounge Against the Machine, Friday, July 31 (\$35-\$45, 17+) at House of Blues.

On sale noon Friday

The Features, Dexateens, Those Darlins, Wednesday, May 20 (\$12, 21+) at Schubas.

The High Strung, Wednesday, May 6 (\$8, 18+) at Schubas.

Cotton Jones, Lightning Dust, Saturday, May 23 (\$10, 21+) at Schubas.

Chuck Mead, James Intveld, Wednesday, June 17 (\$14, 21+) at Schubas.

Chris Mills, Sally Timms, Sunday, June 14 (\$10, 21+) at Schubas.

The Veronicas, Pretty Reckless, The Love Willows, Saturday, July 11 (\$15, all ages) at Metro.

On sale 10 a.m. Saturday

The Allman Brothers Band, Widespread Panic, Wednesday, Sept. 2, Thursday, Sept. 3 (\$35-\$75, all ages) at Northerly Island's Charter One Pavilion.

The Aggrolites, Saturday, June 13 (\$12-\$14, all ages) at Beat Kitchen.

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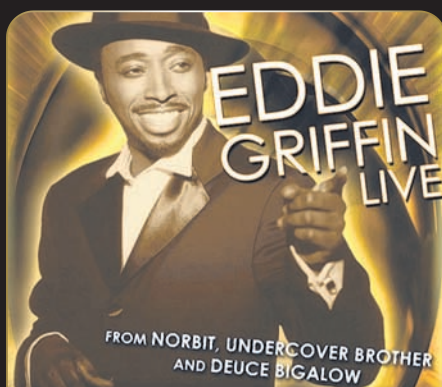
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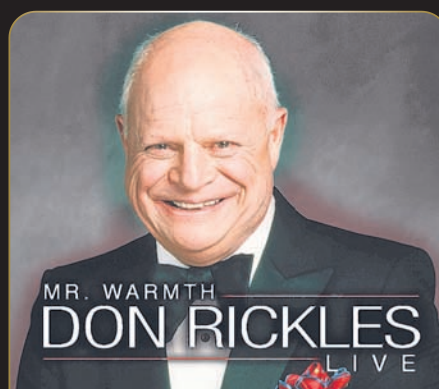
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Lee: Age talk is old



Lee

Chicago Tribune
HOUSTON

Derrek Lee is well aware of the whispers. He finished with only

three home runs and 23 RBIs in August and September last year, after hitting eight homers with 23 RBIs in April.

Is old age slowing him down?

"I've heard it," he said with a laugh. "I'm 33. Whoa—that's scary if I'm old. But I had some injuries in the second half last year, so people say [it's old] age. You know, things happen in this game, and I don't think it had anything to do with age."

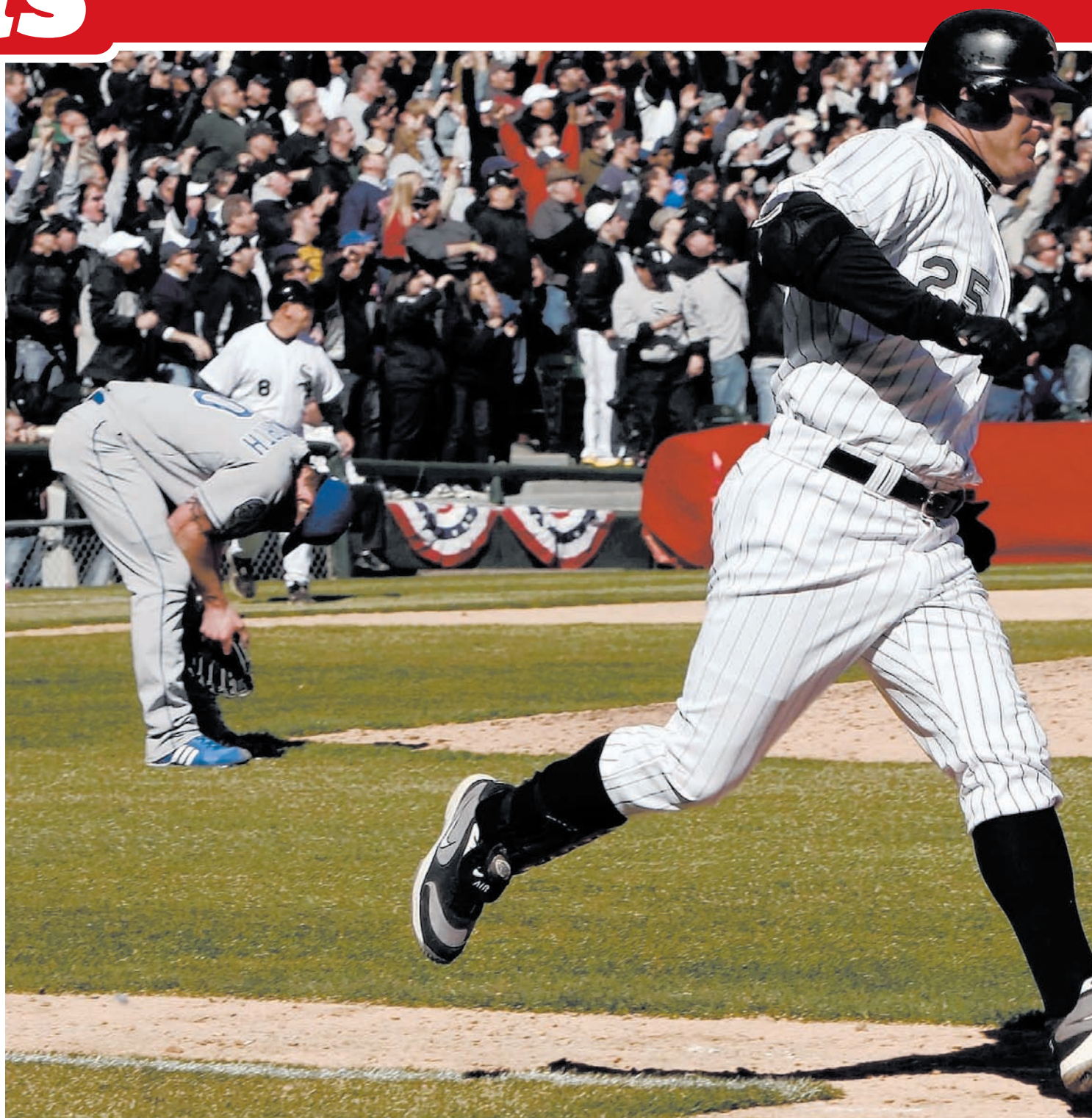
So how to explain the drop-off?

"The game," he said. "Sometimes you don't play well, and it's the game. But my legs feel good. My body feels good."

Lee is one of the players manager Lou Piniella is referring to when he insists he will rest his regulars more often. But Lee has played in 155 or more games in seven of his last nine seasons, with the exception of 2006, when he broke his wrist in April, and '07, when he was suspended six games for a fight.

CUBS HITS

» Houston 3, Cubs 2 (10 innings)
» The Cubs announced a marketing partnership with British liquor behemoth Diageo and Harry Caray's Restaurant Group that will open a new restaurant, the Captain Morgan Club at Wrigley Field, on Monday. The 8,000-square-foot eatery, at the southeast corner of the ballpark adjacent to the Harry Caray statue, will have capacity for 500 people on game days and 300 on non-game days and be open seven days a week.



Games in the palm of your hand

If you're addicted to your iPhone and baseball, this should be right up you alley.

On Monday, MLB launched MLB.com At Bat 2009, a program for iPhones or iPod Touches that allows users to listen to all games for \$10 a season.

It's well worth the money if you're a baseball fan. The one drawback: The program is a major drain on the iPhone's battery.

The sound comes through clearly, and it's simple to switch to the audio feed of another game. In

addition, several extras exceed MLB's iPhone offering from last year.

While listening to a game, you can check a live box score, get a snapshot of what's happening on the basepaths or check a player's "card," including career stats and the current game's stats.

Better, there are no audio blackout restrictions (you can hear the Cubs or White Sox if you're listening from Chicago) and you can listen to the home or away feeds for most games. **TRIBUNE**



WHITE SOX 4, KANSAS CITY 2

JIM DANDY

Thome slugs three-run homer to give White Sox season-opening win

From news services

Kansas City had the White Sox right where they wanted them.

A lead in the late innings for their veteran set-up corps to get to All-Star Royals closer Joakim Soria. It couldn't have turned out much worse.

Jim Thome clocked a three-run homer with two outs in the eighth against Kyle Farnsworth, and the Royals limped out of U.S. Cellular Field with a numbing 4-2 loss to the White Sox.

"Opening Day, there's a lot of emotions," the 38-year-old Thome said. "No matter how long you've played the game, you still get jittery, you still get that nervous excitement."

Although it was the veteran slugger who will get the headlines, it was the White Sox's so-called young guys who made the victory over Kansas City possible.

Here's how:

Josh Fields: Starting at third base in place of the departed and still popular Joe Crede, Fields made a spectacular backhand stab behind third base and threw home for a forceout to hold the Royals to one

fifth-inning run.

He also drove in the first Sox run with a two-out, bases-loaded single in the second before starting the eighth-inning rally with a surprise bunt single.

The skeptics, however, were out early when a ground ball eluded his dive.

"I know what's coming," he said. "I know I'm going to get compared to Joe pretty much all season."

Chris Getz: Batting second, he turned a third-inning dribbler off the second baseman's glove into a double, then lined an eighth-inning hit-and-run single to right field before Thome's homer.

"[The leg double] was definitely risky but sometimes you have to do that kind of stuff," he said.

Clayton Richard: Retired six straight in the sixth and seventh innings after starter Mark Buehrle struggled to a 2-1 deficit.

"Coming in at that time you know the game is still in hand," he said. "That young group is excited to get an opportunity to play, and today we made the most of it."

Dewayne Wise: Wise heard about his failures from the large crowd of 37,449, the boos growing in the eighth when he failed twice to sacrifice.

"That's what's good about this game," he said. "I was 0-for-4 with a hat trick (three strikeouts), but tomorrow I could go 4-for-4, and the crowd could be back on my side." **TRIBUNE, MCT**

Jim Thome rounds the bases as Royals pitcher Kyle Farnsworth doubles over after the slugger's eighth-inning homer.

PHIL VELASQUEZ/TRIBUNE



Jim Thome (25) celebrates his 542nd homer. AP

The Whiz quiz

Think you know your stuff? Test your sports smarts against RedEye's prognosticating pooch Whizzer.

The homer Jim Thome (left) hit was his 542nd. Where does that rank him all-time on the baseball home run list? Text "**Jim**" and the number of your answer to **87708**. I'll text ya back to tell you if you got the answer right or wrong. If you want to send Whizzer a comment, text "**whiz**" and your comment to the same number.

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Not that anyone is counting, but it has been 185 days since the White Sox made the final out of their 2008 season. I guess you can say that White Sox Nation has accomplished a lot since then:

» Elect one of our own as president. Check.

» Get younger and more athletic. Yes, Bartolo Colon is considered athletic by some. Check.

» Change the name of the White House to the White Sox House. We're still working on that one, right, Barack?

Mother Nature took the phrase "Opening Day is Soxman's Christmas" a little too seriously, throwing snowballs instead of fastballs, and delaying the greatest day of the year by 24 hours.

Patience is a virtue; good things come to those who wait, etc. Pick your cliché. We won on Opening Day. What more could a superfan say? Instead of a blackout, we got a whiteout, still had a sellout, and saw Jim Thome knock one out.

For Mr. Incredible it was plain to see, that he only needed a repeat of game 163.

Mark Buehrle's fastball cut harder than the winds, and despite a bases-loaded blunder, we had just the right amount of thunder. When the dark icy shadows began to descend upon the Cell, No. 45 brought his fastball, making it hotter than ... more cow bell?

So for just one day we have perfection in the AL Central race. Rejoice, Sox fans. We are in first.

Sure it's only one game—one win in a 162-game season. But the Sox offered us an exciting preview of what's to come. No win will come easy. Speed may be a generous word to describe the middle of our lineup, and "execution" should not be used to describe or carry out on our leadoff hitter.

This team will fight and make our hearts stop at times doing it. Sox fans wouldn't have it any other way.

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1 Three days into the baseball season and I'm already counting the magic number.	... exhausted from checking on my fantasy teams.	... having a ball. Jealous, Jimmy?	... clinching my fantasy baseball championship. Well, almost.	... rehabbing a strained thumb and three jammed fingers.
2 Give us your best knee-jerk reaction for the Cubs' or White Sox's play so far.	Stretch!	Jim Thome is a god. Not THE God, but a god.	I want to give a knee-jerk reaction, but Lou Piniella has security. Jerk.	I'm a game away from registering CubsWorldSeries09.com	I don't have a knee, but I'm so excited I chest-bumped Tracy. Hand-to-chest, that is.
3 The Bulls are finishing strong. Could they actually make playoff noise?	Yes, as long as Neil Funk doesn't drink the Haterade.	Yes, but the kind of noise heard after Jen eats chili.	The only noise the Bulls make after finishing is soft weeping.	If by playoff noise you mean the distinct sound of the Celtics or Cavs crushing them, then yes.	Winning is contagious, and Chicago has it bad. So, I say thumbs-up.
4 What's your Blackhawks playoff attire going to consist of?	Commit to the Indian underwear and a headdress.	I'm wearing my playoff beard. Her name is Jill.	A protective helmet. Hockey hurts the brain.	A winter coat, apparently. When will it actually get warm again in Chicago?	Warm gloves. I'm hoping Jen takes me to the UC in her pocket.
5 How are you preparing yourself for Tiger Woods hype as The Masters approaches?	I drink Gatorade Tiger.	I bought hype insurance so if it gets to be too much I'll receive a free pair of ear plugs.	Plenty of enthusiasm. I get really excited for Woods.	Trying to block Jim Nantz's Tiger-worshiping voice out of my head for as long as I can.	I've been practicing my Tiger puns: Woods is a hard man to beat.

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The Tar Heels
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TAR HEELS, SPARTANS SCORE 17.2M VIEWERS

Monday's blowout NCAA title game was a hit with TV viewers, but it couldn't compete with past championship games. North Carolina's 89-72 win over Michigan State was watched by 17.2 million people, beating its prime-time competition. Past games have done much better, but why? RedEye figures out the formula for NCAA title game success.



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Here's your chance to say you own Michael Jordan. The Hollywood Wax Museum is auctioning hand-sculpted wax figures of Jordan, Tiger Woods, Joe Montana, Mike Tyson, Muhammad Ali, Mark McGwire and Hulk Hogan on May 1. That got RedEye thinking: If we wanted our sports figures immortalized in wax, what would they be doing?

**Mike
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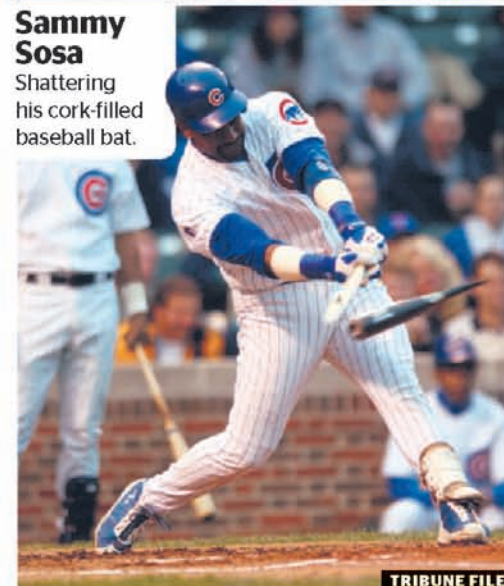
Red-faced
and angry.
Cigar optional.



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**Sammy
Sosa**

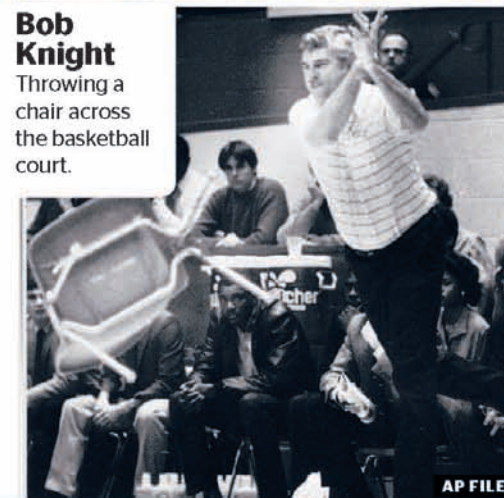
Shattering
his cork-filled
baseball bat.



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**Bob
Knight**

Throwing a
chair across
the basketball
court.



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Bulls 110, New York 103

» Luol Deng said he suffered "a great deal of pain" after a recent workout and would rest the stress fracture in his right tibia until next week. That means Deng, who has been sidelined since Feb. 28, won't play again in the regular season and his participation if the Bulls make the playoffs remains in jeopardy.



Blackhawks 4, Nashville 2

Martin Havlat scored an empty-net goal and added an assist as the Blackhawks beat the Predators 4-2 Tuesday night. Jonathan Toews, Dustin Byfuglien and Patrick Kane also scored for the Blackhawks in their fourth straight win.

ONELINERS

Testimony is over in the Miami tax evasion trial of Brazilian race car driver Helio Castroneves. » Oklahoma's Blake Griffin will give up his final two years of eligibility and head to the NBA after a season that ended with him being recognized as college basketball's top player.

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The wedding party on "Harper's Island" goes from fun ...
CBS PHOTOS

And then there were many ...



... to frightening beginning Thursday.

Pop culture can't resist recycling Agatha Christie's most famous plot

By Web Behrens
FOR REDEYE

"One by one," intones the little girl in the grim, repetitive trailer. "One by one."

Those simple words explain the storytelling engine behind the new CBS thriller-mystery series, "Harper's Island": A group of characters gathers in a remote location and one after another, they are bumped off.

As Hollywood has taught us, usually only one character—can you say, "nubile young woman"?—survives to the end. Yet somehow, despite its predictability, the formula never ceases

to entertain. So where exactly have we seen this before?

Blame it all on Agatha Christie. The world's best-selling mystery writer invented the one-by-one death toll in 1939 for her most frightening novel, "And Then There Were None." In punchy, relentless prose, she gathers 10 strangers on an island, where their unseen host accuses them all of murder. And then—well, you can guess the rest. Except, of course, for the ending: None of Christie's endless imitators has been able to match the surprises contained in her final chapters.

An immediate and enormous success, the book inspired generations of rip-offs—or, if you prefer, homages.

WEB BEHRENS IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

» For a review of "Harper's Island," go to redeyechicago.com/showpatrol



"And Then There Were None" movies

DVD rental or retail stores

Christie turned her book into a play with a significantly altered ending. Multiple film versions followed, proving the law of diminishing returns. If you're going to Netflix one, choose the 1945 Hollywood version, which hews closest to her plot. Later iterations—one each in the '60s, '70s and '80s, titled "Ten Little Indians"—made odd changes, such as stranding the victims in the Austrian Alps, the Iranian desert or on an African safari.



"Batman: The Black Glove"

Chicago Comics, 3244 N. Clark St., 773-528-1983

Everyone's favorite bat-eared detective gets into the island-killer action in "Batman: The Black Glove," thanks to writer Grant Morrison's affection for Christie. With some forgotten "Club of Heroes" characters from 1950s DC Comics as fodder, Morrison and ace artist J.H. Williams III pit Batman, Robin and their international colleagues against a murderous mastermind who sends several capes to their bloody end.



"The Werewolves of Miller's Hollow"

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"Survivor"

7 p.m. Thursdays, CBS

CBS and producer Mark Burnett launched the reality game show genre on American TV with

"Survivor," borrowing from the famous Christie theme by stranding contestants on an island, then eliminating one per episode. Still a hit after eight years and 17 seasons, "Survivor" anchors the Thursday lineup for CBS. It's likely no coincidence that "Harper's Island" will appear later the same night.

"Friday the 13th"


DVD rental or retail stores

Just two months ago, the reboot of the biggest slasher-film franchise of them all, "Friday the 13th," lit up the box office. As usual, the camp-counselor victims get dispatched in rapid succession. Considering that the "Harper's Island" murders are grislier than the ones Christie imagined (a hatchet was her killer's most brutal weapon), this new show looks like a "Friday the 13th"-"And Then There Were None" mashup—which means it'll probably be a huge hit.

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Lady
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"Starstruck" Lady GaGa

Though "Poker Face" has just hit No. 1, Lady GaGa already is working on her third smash. "Starstruck," with help from Flo Rida and Space Cowboy, is more hip-hop influenced and laid back than her previous dance hits, but just as catchy. Even with the odd occasional British accent, "Starstruck" is the sign GaGa isn't go-going off the charts any time soon. **GLENN GAMBOA, NEWSDAY**

TV »

"The Unusuals"

9 p.m.

Wednesday, ABC

The always interesting Jeremy Renner finally gets a regular TV gig in this cop dramedy playing loose cannon Detective Jason Walsh, who breaks in a new partner, Casey Shraeger (Amber Tamblyn), while investigating the murder of his old one. They are just two of the oddballs working in the NYPD's Second Precinct. Others include paranoid Leo Banks (Harold Perrineau, pictured), his terminally ill partner Eric Delahoy (Adam Goldberg), and Ed Alvarez (Kai Lennox), who talks about himself in the third person. They are unusual, as is this show, which successfully mixes the frivolous and serious only half the time. **CURT WAGNER, REDEYE**



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The buzz on brunch

When it comes to brunch, Oscar Wilde said it best: "Brunch is the meal you eat when you are too drunk to get up for breakfast."

It's scheduled in a twilight zone that is not quite breakfast yet not really lunch, and I believe this ambiguous timing is what makes it perfectly acceptable for us to celebrate a late-morning rise with a cocktail. Have a drink before noon on any other occasion and you're more than likely to get a concerned stare from your waiter and loved ones.

The key to a good brunch cocktail is to have just enough alcohol to warm your cheeks and loosen the conversation from your lips. You don't want anything too boozy because you still have to get on with the rest of your day. When I think of the perfect brunch cocktail, three staples come to mind: bloody mary, mimosa and bellini. Here's a look at their interesting histories.



Mimosa

In 1921, the Buck's Fizz Club in England introduced a mixture of champagne and orange juice that they dubbed the Buck's Fizz. Four years later, a similar drink called a mimosa showed up on the menu at the Paris Ritz. They named the drink after mimosa plants, which are yellow and appear slightly frothy from a distance. In Britain, the mixture of orange juice and champagne still is referred to as a Buck's Fizz.

Bellini

Giuseppe Cipriani, a bartender and owner of Harry's Bar in Venice invented the bellini during the 1940s. Cipriani loved white peaches, which were in season only during the summertime. He created a refreshing warm-weather cocktail by combining pureed peaches with the local sparkling prosecco wine.

Bloody Mary

The history of this drink is widely disputed, but many credit American bartender Fernand "Pete" Petiot as being the first to mix equal parts tomato juice and vodka while working at Harry's New York Bar in Paris during the 1920s. According to lore, the drink has a surprising Chicago connection: Bloody mary was suggested as a name in honor of the Bucket of Blood Club in Chicago—and a girl there named Mary.

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- 1 Residue
- 6 Capital city
- 10 Can
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- 15 Give off
- 16 "Happy Birthday" writer
- 17 More miffed
- 18 Spain's chief port
- 20 Shirt, for short
- 21 Word with who or how
- 23 Splits
- 24 Flat-bottomed ship
- 25 Meth. or Luth.
- 27 Bear's milieu
- 30 Night in Paris
- 31 Letter for Plato
- 34 Complaint to a chiropractor
- 35 Low voices
- 36 Part of many German and Austrian names
- 37 Table game
- 41 Sawbuck
- 42 Low wagon
- 43 Before: pref.
- 44 Sign of a hit show
- 45 Nautical word
- 46 Hesitate
- 48 "Let it stand"
- 49 Overlay
- 50 Progeny
- 53 Place
- 54 1986-90 sitcom
- 57 Member of the reserves
- 60 "Jane Eyre" or "Oliver Twist"
- 62 Rim
- 63 Cracker topper
- 64 Group of trees
- 65 Peter I
- 66 Affirmatives
- 67 Start of a counting rhyme

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- 22 Parvo shot giver
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- 27 Realities
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- 38 In 7th heaven
- 39 Food fish
- 40 Hardy cabbage
- 46 Chew the _
- 47 Get even for
- 48 More positive
- 49 Longs
- 50 "By the Time _ to Phoenix"
- 51 Beer
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- **Shall We Kiss?** (NR) 5:30,7:40,9:50
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- **Buck Howard** (PG) 5:00 P.M.

PIPERS ALLEY (AMC)

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- **Confess-Shop** (PG) 4:15 P.M.
- **Taken** (PG-13) 5:45,8:00
- **AMC Select Slumdog Mill** (R) 6:45 P.M.
- **AMC Select The Wrestler** (R) 4:50 P.M.
- **AMC Select The Reader** (R) 4:30,7:05
- **AMC Select Doubt** (PG-13) 7:20 P.M.

RIVER EAST 21 (AMC)

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- **AMC Select Sunshine Clean** (R) 2:20,5:00,7:50,10:35
- **Fast & Furious** (PG-13) 12:45,1:25,2:10,2:50,4:05,4:50,5:30,6:45,7:30,8:15,9:30,10:15,10:45
- **AMC Select Adventureland** (R) 1:30,2:30,4:15,5:15,7:00,8:00,9:45,10:45
- **Monsters vs.** (PG) 1:45,2:45,4:15,5:15,6:45,7:45,9:30,10:30
- **Haunting in CT** (PG-13) 1:40,2:40,4:20,5:20,7:00,8:00,9:35,10:40
- **Monsters** (PG) ★ 12:45,3:15,5:45,8:30,10:50
- **I Love You, Man** (R) 1:00,1:45,2:45,4:30,5:30,6:30,7:15,8:30,10:00
- **Duplicity** (PG-13) 1:05,2:05,4:10,5:10,7:20,8:20,10:30
- **Knowing** (PG-13) 1:15,4:25,7:35,10:40
- **Witch Mount** (PG) 12:50,3:15,5:40
- **Last House** (R) 8:05,10:45
- **Watchmen** (R) 2:50,6:25,10:00
- **Taken** (PG-13) 2:55,5:10,7:40,10:10
- **AMC Select Slumdog Mill** (R) 3:30,9:15

CROWN VILLAGE 18 (KERASOTES)

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- **Fast & Furious** (PG-13) ★ 11:45,12:20,12:50,1:20,2:15,3:00,3:40,4:10,4:45,5:40,6:10,6:45,7:15,8:20,8:50,9:20,9:45
- **Adventureland** (R) ★ 12:00,2:45,5:15,7:50,10:30
- **Haunting in CT** (PG-13) ★ 11:40,12:30,2:20,3:10,4:40,5:30,7:10,8:10,9:50,10:45
- **Monsters vs.** (PG) ★ 12:10,1:00,2:30,3:30,5:00,6:05,8:30,10:50
- **Monsters** (PG) ★ 11:30,1:30,2:00,4:00,4:30,6:30,7:00,9:00,9:30
- **12 Rounds** (PG-13) ★ 1:40,4:20,7:20,10:15
- **Sunshine Clean** (R) 11:50,2:40,5:20,7:40,10:10
- **Knowing** (PG-13) 1:15,4:15,7:45,10:40
- **I Love You, Man** (R) 12:40,3:20,6:20,7:30,9:10,10:00
- **Duplicity** (PG-13) 12:45,3:45,6:40,9:40
- **Witch Mount** (PG) 2:10,4:50,8:00,10:55
- **Watchmen** (R) 1:10,5:10,8:40

WEBSTER PLACE (KERASOTES)

1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago
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- **Fast & Furious** (PG-13) ★ 12:30,2:15,3:00,4:45,5:30,7:15,8:00,9:45,10:30
- **Adventureland** (R) ★ 2:20,5:10,7:40,10:10
- **Haunting in CT** (PG-13) ★ 1:20,4:30,7:30,10:15
- **Monsters** (PG) ★ 1:30,4:00,6:30,9:00
- **12 Rounds** (PG-13) ★ 2:10,4:50,7:20,10:00
- **Knowing** (PG-13) 1:15,4:20,7:10,10:05
- **I Love You, Man** (R) 12:20,1:40,3:30,4:40,6:40,7:45,9:30,10:20
- **Duplicity** (PG-13) 1:00,4:10,7:00,9:50
- **Watchmen** (R) 11:10 A.M.
- **He's Just Not** (PG-13) 6:05,9:15

SHOWPLACE 14 - GALEWOOD CROSSINGS (KERASOTES)

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- **Fast & Furious** (PG-13) 1:00,2:15,3:45,4:45,6:30,7:15,9:10,9:45
- **Haunting in CT** (PG-13) 1:50,2:40,4:20,5:20,6:45,7:50,9:20,10:15
- **Monsters vs.** (PG) 12:10,2:00,2:30,4:30,5:00,7:00,7:30,9:30,10:00
- **Monsters** (PG) 1:30,4:00,6:30,9:00
- **12 Rounds** (PG-13) 1:40,4:40,7:20,10:10
- **Knowing** (PG-13) 1:20,4:15,7:40,10:30
- **I Love You, Man** (R) 2:10,4:50,7:45,10:20
- **Duplicity** (PG-13) 12:50,3:40,6:50,9:50
- **Witch Mount** (PG) 1:10,3:50,6:40,9:15
- **Last House** (R) 12:30,3:00,6:15,8:50
- **Madea Goes** (PG-13) 1:15,4:10,7:10,9:40

CICERO SHOWPLACE 14 (KERASOTES)

4779 W. Cermak
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- **Fast & Furious** (PG-13) ★ 12:15,1:15,1:45,2:15,2:45,3:45,4:15,4:45,5:15,6:15,6:45,7:15,7:45,8:45,9:15,9:45,10:15
- **Adventureland** (R) ★ 12:50,3:40,6:20,9:00
- **Haunting in CT** (PG-13) ★ 1:50,2:40,4:20,5:20,6:50,7:50,9:20,10:20
- **Monsters vs.** (PG) ★ 12:10,2:00,2:30,4:30,5:00,7:00,7:30,9:30,10:00
- **Monsters** (PG) ★ 1:30,4:00,6:30,9:00
- **12 Rounds**

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FROM 'HOUSE' TO THE WHITE HOUSE

Kal Penn is going to Washington.

The "House" actor, whose character abruptly—and shockingly—committed suicide on Monday's episode, will work for President Obama in the White House's Office of Public Liaison and Intergovernmental Affairs, he confirmed on a conference call Tuesday.

"Growing up I always had two interests and passions—one being public service and the other being the arts and acting," he said. "In the last 18 months having had the opportunity to serve on the Obama campaign I certainly started thinking about that possibility."

Penn, who played lovable stoner Kumar in the "Harold & Kumar" movies, backed Obama during the campaign. He first met Obama at a fundraiser in 2007.

"He said, 'Oh yeah, you're on that show. What show are you on?'" Penn



Obama and Penn
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said Tuesday. "I said, 'I'm on "House"' and he's like, 'That's right, the doctor show.' I didn't really get to know him 'til later on during the campaign."

The White House says a start date for Penn hasn't been set, and his salary has not been disclosed. He'll be working to make connections with Obama's Asian constituents and the arts community.

"There's not a lot of financial reward in these jobs," Penn told Entertainment Weekly. "Obviously, the opportunity to serve in a capacity like this is an incredible honor."

So how will Penn's career in Hollywood help him in the White House? RedEye just got the (highly unscientific) results back from the lab.

AP, REDEYE'S CURT WAGNER CONTRIBUTED.

POLITICAL PENN

What will help Kal Penn in his White House job?

Owens library of "Harold & Kumar" DVDs to pass the time **5%**

Rolls a mean doobie. KIDDING! **5%**

10%
Everyone knows his name.

20%
He's not a doctor—but he played one on TV.

15%
Took an online course at Stanford. Seriously.

45%
Has NPH on call



Neil Patrick Harris and Penn
NEW LINE PRODUCTIONS

Twitter politics

We asked RedEye's Twitter followers what other TV folks should make the leap to politics. Here are some responses. Make your move to RedEye at twitter.com/redeyechicago. COMPILED BY SCOTT KLEINBERG.

@Jobwagner Tina Fey. Wouldn't YOU watch a press conference or a State of the Union address if she was writing it?

@atlongson Paris Hilton for office - so passionate about politics that she says she votes EVERY year in the PRESIDENTIAL election.

@scribere_femme Heidi Montag for Director of Gender Issues in the Obama White House.

@turd_ferguson Send Megan Fox over to the Middle East to be an Ambassador, the men over there will be less stressed out once they see her.

@LucyGlib Alec Baldwin. Sure, he's a hothead and unpredictable, but that voice is like velvet.

@dingmlre Kiefer Sutherland for Secretary of Defense



Read more of the interview at redeyechicago.com/showpatrol.



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Ch-ch-ch-Chia! Not at Walgreens

Looking for a Chia Obama? You won't find one at Walgreens, the Tribune reports. The Deerfield-based company pulled the Chia Obama after one week. The presidential planter was pulled because "it didn't fit with our corporate image," a spokesman said, calling the product "offensive." Meanwhile, President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama are now immortalized in wax, etonline.com reports. The couple's wax figures are at Madame Tussauds in D.C.

Holding court

An L.A. court official has delayed the arraignment of Howard K. Stern and two doctors on charges they conspired to give Anna Nicole Smith prescription drugs, the AP reports. The arraignment has been rescheduled to May 13. The trio face up to five years, eight months in prison if convicted. Smith died of an accidental overdose in 2007 at a Florida hotel.

Like butter, baby

Jennifer Garner's transition back into the Hollywood spotlight is going as smoothly as "butter." E! Online reports Garner is set to star in and possibly produce a comedy called—what else—"Butter," about a girl adopted by a Midwestern family when she discovers she has a knack for competitive butter sculpting. Garner would be working again with Mandate, one of the production companies behind the hit "Juno," in which she also starred.



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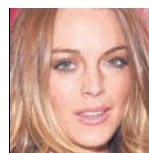
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CELEBRITY NEWS, CHARTED FOR YOUR PLEASURE

TOTALLY SCANDALOUS

Breaking up is hard to do



While Lindsay Lohan feels devastated over her recent breakup with Samantha Ronson, the DJ's family went to the cops to ask about a restraining order, Access Hollywood reports. This is getting ugly, people.

You're fired



Fox News columnist Roger Friedman got the ax after posting a review of a leaked full-length work print of "X-Men Origins: Wolverine," the New York Daily News reports.

From bad to worse



Prosecutors on Tuesday charged Redmond O'Neal, the son of Ryan O'Neal and Farrah Fawcett, with a felony count of bringing drugs to a jail, the AP reports. It's the latest legal woe for O'Neal, who was out on bail in another case.

Setting the record straight



Jessica Simpson was NOT dropped from the country Sony Nashville label, she was "on loan," her rep tells Us Weekly. It should also be noted her album sold only 172,876 copies as of February, according to Us.

Ready for their closeup



Eddie Cibrian—recently at center of rumors he was having an affair with LeeAnn Rimes—was spotted mugging for cameras with his wife, Brandi Glanville, at Yogen Früz in Beverly Hills on Monday, eonline.com reports. Does anyone care anymore?

New network for Daytime Emmys

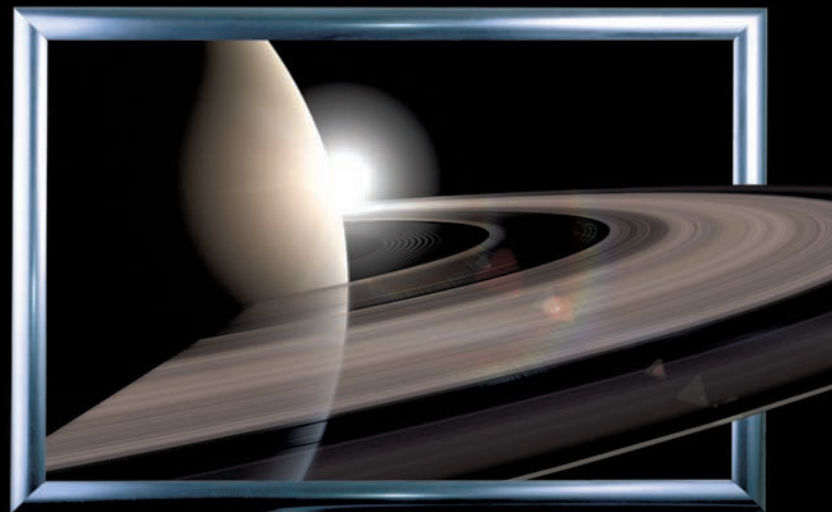
The CW will air the awards telecast on Aug. 30, the first time in the event's 36-year history it will be on a network other than ABC, NBC or CBS. But will anyone watch? Last year, the Daytime Emmys posted its lowest-ever rating, attracting 5.4 million viewers.

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MOCK & AWE

Shady's back—and ruthlessly mocking celebrities, just like old times. In his new video for “We Made You,” which premiered Tuesday, Eminem spoofs a gamut of celebrities, including Jessica Simpson, Bret Michaels, Sarah Palin—and, memorably, Kim Kardashian, whose famous booty gets stuffed into a wood chipper.

Kardashian said she was “honored” to be spoofed (and slaughtered?) in the video.

“I think the video is so funny!” Kardashian wrote on her blog. “I am a huge Eminem fan and find it flattering that he would rap about me.”



Kardashian
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Eminem



Jackson
AP FILE

THE DIGIT

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The number of times Samuel L. Jackson will have hosted the ESPY Awards after this year's show is taped July 15 at Nokia Theater in L.A., according to variety.com. The show will be broadcast July 19 on ESPN.

THE VELVET ROPE

Park it right there

At last: The schedule for the 10th annual Chicago Outdoor Film Festival is here, and it's a winner. The seven-week, free fest kicks off July 14 with Billy Wilder's Hollywood noir “Sunset Boulevard” and wraps up Aug. 25 with Dustin Hoffman donning drag in “Tootsie.” Other highlights include classic Marx Brothers craziness in “Duck Soup” (July 21) and Alfred Hitchcock's masterful, influential “Psycho” (Aug. 11). See metromix.com for the complete lineup.

Super cheftestants

Take a big helping of “Top Chef” and add some star power. Stir the pot. That's the recipe for “Top Chef Masters,” a new show with a familiar twist coming to Bravo. Premiering June 10, the show will feature 24 world-renowned chefs—including three from Chicago—who compete for a chance at \$100,000 for their favorite charity. Representing the Chi will be Rick Bayless, Graham Elliot Bowles and Art Smith.

Actor for hire

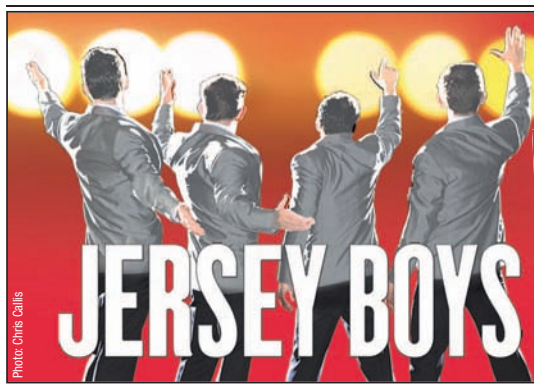
No, Kal Penn is not going to Washington to research the next “Harold & Kumar” movie. The actor, who played the marijuana-smoking Kumar in the films, is taking a new job at the White House. In a conference call with reporters Tuesday, Penn insisted he isn't retiring from acting, but said he won't star in any films—including more “Harold & Kumar” sequels—for the immediate future. For more on Penn's new job, go to Page 42. For more from Penn's interview, go to redeyechicago.com/showpatrol.



Penn

‘DWTS’ gives Grier the boot

David Alan Grier, please hang up your dancing shoes. The comedian and his partner were eliminated from “Dancing With the Stars” on Tuesday after a dance-off with football great Lawrence Taylor and partner Edyta Sliwinska. Though Grier actually won the dance-off, receiving a score of 24 over the 20 that Taylor and Sliwinska received, he came up short once viewer votes were factored in.



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